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Applicant: Lynn et al. Docket No. F-5235 CIP DIV CIP 2
Serial No.: 09/818,486 Examiner: T. Bianco
Filed: 27 March 2001 Group Art Unit: 3762
Title: Systems and Methods for Collecting Leukocyte-Reduced Blood Components
Including Plasma that is Free or Virtually Free of Cellular Blood Species

Response to Requirement for Species Election

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This responds to the Requirement for a Species Election mailed January 8, 2003, for which a shortened one month period of response was established.

A five month extension to respond is respectfully requested, up to and including July 8, 2003.

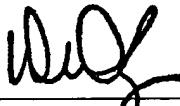
Applicant elects Species I (Figures 9, 14, 15, and 17 to 19).

Applicant respectfully traverses the election requirement, to the extent it does not include the embodiment of the filter shown in Figure 16. This embodiment is generic to all the species, which encompass different forms of blood collection systems. The filter shown in Figure 16 could be used in any one of the systems. Furthermore, the claims are not directed to any particular construction of the filter.

Applicant believes that the following claims read on the elected species: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 18 are believed to be generic.

Respectfully Submitted,

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